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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application claims indicated as cancelled:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A self-contained in-vivo device comprising an internal battery; a wireless transmitting device; and an operation blocker disposed therein, wherein said operation blocker is for preventing activation of said device after a specified threshold level is exceeded in a parameter from a list comprising: time of operation, voltage level of a power source, in-vivo Ph level, in-vivo pressure and number of image frames ~~condition is satisfied.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 1, wherein said operation blocker is for permanently preventing activation of said device ~~configured to permanently prevent activation of said in vivo device after a specified condition is satisfied.~~
3. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 1, wherein said operation blocker comprises a non-volatile memory configured for assuming a designated state upon said exceeding of said specified threshold level ~~satisfaction of said specified condition.~~
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Withdrawn) The device as in claim 1, wherein said specified condition is reaching a pre-defined period of operation for a current operating session of said device.
6. (Withdrawn) The device as in claim 1, wherein said specified condition is a voltage level of a power source in said device.
7. (Withdrawn) The device as in claim 1, wherein said specified condition is a receipt of a command.
8. (Original) The device as in claim 1, further comprising a timer.

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9. (Withdrawn) The device as in claim 1, wherein said specified condition is satisfied by a sensor of said device detecting a pre-defined external environment.
10. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 1, wherein said device may be activated until said ~~specified condition is satisfied~~ threshold level is exceeded.
11. (Withdrawn) The device as in claim 1, wherein said specified condition is satisfied by a counter exceeding a predefined number of images captured by said device.
12. (Original) The device as in claim 1, wherein said operation blocker remains activated after removal or replacement of a battery.
13. (Original) The device as in claim 1, wherein said device is an autonomous in vivo device.
14. (Currently Amended) An in-vivo sensing device comprising a non-volatile circuit to prevent reactivation of said device after said device has been used for a medical exam and after a specified threshold level is exceeded in a parameter from a list comprising: time of operation, voltage level of a power source, in-vivo Ph level, in-vivo pressure and number of image frames.
15. (Original) The device as in claim 14, further comprising a non-volatile memory.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing reuse of an in-vivo device comprising activating a permanent operation blocker in said device after a specified threshold level is exceeded in a parameter from a list comprising: time of operation, voltage level of a power source, in-vivo Ph level, in-vivo pressure and number of image frames ~~upon satisfaction of a specified condition~~.

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18. (Original) The method as in claim 17, wherein activating an operation blocker comprises burning a non-volatile memory unit into an activated position.

19. (Original) The method as in claim 17, wherein activating an operation blocker comprises melting of an insulation.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for blocking activation of a self-contained in vivo device comprising a wireless transmitting device therein, and configuring a circuit to block activation of the device after a specified threshold level is exceeded in a parameter from a list comprising: time of operation, voltage level of a power source, in-vivo Ph level, in-vivo pressure and number of image frames ~~upon the satisfaction of a pre-defined condition.~~

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Withdrawn) The method as in claim 20, wherein configuring a circuit comprises configuring a circuit to block activation of an in-vivo device upon said device capturing a pre-defined number of images.

23. (Withdrawn) The method as in claim 20, wherein configuring a circuit comprises configuring a circuit to block activation of an in-vivo device upon a voltage level in said device falling below a pre-determined voltage level.

24. (Withdrawn) The method as in claim 20, wherein configuring a circuit comprises configuring a circuit to block activation of an in-vivo device upon detection by a sensor of said device of a pre-defined external environment.

25. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 20, further comprising configuring said circuit to permit continued operation of said device after a specified threshold level is exceeded ~~the satisfaction of a pre-defined condition.~~

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26. (Withdrawn) The method as in claim 20, further comprising receiving a signal from an external command unit to activate said circuit.

27. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an autonomous in-vivo sensing device, having a wireless transmitting device therein, the method comprising permanently preventing the operation of said autonomous in-vivo sensing device after a specified threshold level is exceeded in a parameter from a list comprising: time of operation, voltage level of a power source, in-vivo Ph level, in-vivo pressure and number of image frames ~~upon the satisfaction of a specified condition.~~

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the operation of said autonomous in-vivo device includes imaging.

29. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein said preventing comprises configuring a circuit to block activation of at least a portion of the device.

30. (Original) The method of claim 27, comprising burning a memory.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein said specified condition is satisfied by a counter exceeding a predefined number of images captured by an imager.

32. (Withdrawn) The method as in claim 27, wherein said specified condition is satisfied upon the sensing of an in-vivo environmental condition.

33. (Cancelled)